



THORNTON PARK NEWS

Neighborhood Newsletter

Spring 2019

THE THORNTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



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www.Nextdoor.com

EVENTS

- ❖ **Thornton Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**
Monday, May 13, 7-8pm, Mayor Langford Community Center
- ❖ **2nd Thurs Wine & Art Walk**
Thursday, May 9, 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, June 13, 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, July 11, 6:30-8:30pm
- ❖ **Neighborhood Clean-Up**
Sat, May 19, 10am - Coffee, Bunting



The Annual Easter Egg Hunt had the best turnout ever!
Mayor Carl T. Langford Park



EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

Chatter Buzz

A marketing firm has relocated from Downtown to Thornton Park. Chatter Buzz recently moved into 1218 E Robinson Street. According to Digital Growth Sales Manager Andrew McGhee, the group wanted an office with character and history, and this former mayor's house fit the bill. The firm specializes in digital marketing and growth, offering custom web development, selling strategy, full time hosting support, social media, and a production studio. Most of their clients are regional or national, but they do help small businesses. The team is very interested in the local community, and would like to become involved with the neighborhood. Their website states, "The community in which we do business is our home and it brings us pleasure to be able to help take care of it".

Austin's Coffee Satellite Café at The Falcon

The Falcon Bar and Gallery is expanding their hours and services, transforming into a coffee-serving café in the daytime. Rather than opening at 5pm, the popular Thornton Park establishment will open at 9am, Tuesday to Saturday. Falcon owner Melissa Schumann is excited to partner with Winter Park-based Austin's Coffee, another female-owned business. Austin's has been around for about 15 years and plans to offer vegan pastries, bagels, cookies, croissants, free Wi-Fi, and chill vibes. They tout their coffee as fair-trade, organic, and micro-roasted. Limited coffee will be served at night, including beer and coffee concoctions such as a Guinness float with ice cream and cold brew coffee! Porters can be topped off with coffee as well. The Falcon is at 819 E Washington Street.



Falcon Flea Pop-Up Market

The Falcon is also hosting a monthly event featuring local makers and artists, called the Falcon Flea Pop-Up Market. This event is held on the fourth Sunday of each month, rain or shine, from 1:00-5:30pm. The Falcon curates the list of artists and makers, and features rotating local art on the inside walls of the bar and gallery. The next one is May 26.

MEET YOUR PUBLIC OFFICIALS



**Orange County Public Schools
District 6 Representative
Dr. Karen Castor Dentel**

Last fall, Downtown residents elected a new School Board member, Dr. Karen Castor Dentel, replacing Nancy Robinson who ran for School Board President. Dr. Castor Dentel taught school in both Orange and Alachua Counties, according to the OCPS website. She also served in the Florida Legislature, where she pushed for full funding of public education. Following her tenure in the legislature, Dr. Castor Dentel became the Director of Community School Development for the Children's Home Society of Florida.

"My goal is to support the schools' unique programs and elevate their reputations throughout the county," says Castor Dentel. "Students who attend Hillcrest Elementary Foreign Language Academy begin learning either Spanish or French starting in kindergarten. Students at Howard Middle School Academy of Arts are exposed to a plethora of performing and visual arts during class and at after school clubs."

On walkability, she says "students who live near the schools will soon benefit from Orlando's plan to reduce Robinson St. from four lanes to two, which will slow traffic in front of Howard Middle and make it more walkable for everyone." Her two children attended Dommerich Elementary and Maitland Middle School, and one currently attends Winter Park High School while the other is at Florida Virtual School.

MONARCH INITIATIVE

By Guy Houk and Logan Lamphere



The City of Orlando is working to become a certified community wildlife habitat, and specifically to create a healthy environment for monarch butterflies. Toward that end, Daniel Friedline, Sustainability Project Manager for the Office of Sustainability & Resilience, is working to obtain the Community Wildlife Habitat Certification for the City of Orlando through the National Wildlife Federation. This requires at least 100 residents or 40 common areas (parks, common areas, churches, etc.) to register that they have a certified wildlife habitat or garden on their property. If you would like to participate, go to www.nwf.org/certify and register. To qualify, five criteria must be met including **food** (e.g. nectar, plant seeds, bird feeders), **water** (e.g. birdbath, rain garden, pond), **cover** (e.g. ground cover, thicket, rock wall), **places to raise young** (e.g. mature trees, nesting box, cave, host plant for caterpillars), and **sustainable practices** (e.g. soaker hose, eliminate chemical pesticides, use native plants, compost, capture roof rain water).

URBANISM UPDATE: TRAFFIC CALMING

According to TrafficLogix, traffic calming is "the use of physical solutions to reduce traffic speeds and/or cut-through traffic with the goal of making streets safer and more accessible for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians". We're all familiar with one type: speed bumps, which can be jarring, unwelcoming, ugly, and damaging.

But there are other effective strategies including speed humps or tables, emergency-friendly speed cushions, lane narrowing, pedestrian crossings, on-street parking, traffic circles, build-outs, interactive signs, and designated bike lanes. Lake Eola Heights employs attractive roundabouts at some intersections, and South Delaney and Summerlin Avenues uses pretty medians at points in the center of the street to narrow and slow traffic. Our brick streets naturally calm and slowdown traffic, due to the rougher surface. You've probably noticed how quickly you speed up when you hit blacktop. Thornton and Brown Avenues, along with Robinson and South Streets tend to have the fastest traffic in Thornton Park. Perhaps some of these traffic calming solutions could help.

SPRING YARD OF THE SEASON

The Thornton Park Gardening Committee has selected its 2019 Spring Yard of the Season: 1110 E Washington St. We've all admired this yard for years with its manicured hedges and topiaries. There are numerous styles all around Thornton Park, and this home boasts whimsical birdhouses which balance out the Zen feeling of this garden. Narrow topiaries between the driveway and house also demonstrate the excellent use of space. Congratulations to owner Lisa Shear!



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